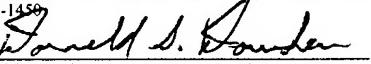


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We are submitting herewith a translation of the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report (form PCT/IPEA/409), along with a copy of PCT Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (form PCT/IB/338).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference NOPCT-30	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Form PCT/IPEA/416	
International application No. PCT/JP2003/011272	International filing date (day/month/year) 03 September 2003 (03.09.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 20 September 2002 (20.09.2002)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B29C 33/38, B05B 15/04, B05D 1/32		
Applicant NAGOYA OILCHEMICAL CO., LTD.		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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International application No.

PCT/JP2003/011272

Box No. I Basis of the report

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**I. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations**Documents**

Document 1: EP 1110619 A1 (Nagoya Oilchemical Co., Ltd.), 27 June 2001, paragraphs [0087], [0090], & WO 00/13804 A1, & JP 2000-167452 A, paragraphs [0021], [0023]

Document 2: US 2001-0018622 A1 (Naoki Asano), 30 August 2001, paragraph [0004], & JP 2000-43052 A, paragraph [0002]

Document 3: JP 10-29081 A (Amada Co., Ltd.), 3 February 1998, paragraphs [0001]-[0003] (Family: none)

Document 4: US 5134911 A (Gerber Garment Technology, Inc.), 4 August 1992, column 3, lines 15-28, & JP 5-96494 A, paragraph [0012]

Explanation**Claims 1 and 2**

Document 1 discloses a feature wherein trimming is carried out after a masking member has been formed by vacuum-molding. Further, it is obvious that a die having a cavity of a desired shape is made when performing vacuum-molding.

Document 2 indicates that because almost all product design is performed using CAD, die design is also performed based on the CAD data for a product.

Meanwhile, a masking material is designed according to the shape of the member on which masking is to be carried out, but at the time the present application was filed, CAD was already being tested in the design of a variety of products, and thus, it would be easy to use CAD to design a member on which masking is to be carried out; moreover, when a member on which masking is to be carried out is designed using CAD, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of also trying to use CAD to design the corresponding masking material.

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of adapting the invention disclosed in document 1 by designing a masking material using CAD, a technique already known at the time of filing of the present application, and based on the CAD data for the masking material, designing a die which has a cavity of a desired shape for use in vacuum-molding.

Claims 3 to 7

Document 3 discloses broadly applicable automated processing techniques such as trimming, and discloses a feature wherein a processing shape is input using CAD input format, a route for performing processing is designated, and NC programming data is generated.

A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of adapting the invention disclosed in document 1 by applying the trimming method disclosed in document 3 for trimming performed after molding.

When doing so, the object being trimmed must be fixed in place, and it is obvious that an appropriate means that does not move during trimming and which is easily detachable could be implemented as the affixation method; therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily derive the invention described in claims 3 to 7.

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Claims 8 and 9

Document 4 discloses a cutting tool for a sheet material wherein an ultrasonically vibrated knife, a water jet, or the like can be automatically moved by a computer control system.

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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

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